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Chief of Station, Guatemala

LINCOLN

Operational
SEMANTIC's Communications Sabotage Team

1. While in Honduras, SEMANTIC informed Matthew H. ONTRICH that there was presently within Guatemala City a person who controlled an organized group of five men who have, for the present year, been studying the possibilities of sabotaging the telephone and telegraph systems in Guatemala City. SEMANTIC claims that this un-named individual knows the complete layout of the telephone and telegraph systems within Guatemala City and is ready to do the sabotage job any time he is instructed to do so.
2. Please ascertain from SEMANTIC precise data on the above team. Who is the leader and who are the members of the team? Exact biographic data on them. Determine their capability and their readiness to disrupt Guatemala City communications upon forty-eight hours' notice.
3. If the initial results of the above investigation appear favorable, please advise LINCOLN by cable. In that event, LINCOLN will have further specific requirements to levy on the team.

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JEROME C. DUNBAR

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